

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON
URGING THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RECOGNIZE JUNE 19,
JUNETEENTH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY, AS AN OFFICIAL RHODE ISLAND
STATE HOLIDAY**

WHEREAS, in 2021, the United States Congress enacted the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, codified into law at Title 5, Sec. 6103(a) of the U.S. Code; and

WHEREAS, the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act recognizes Juneteenth National Independence Day, June 19, as a federal holiday, commemorating the anniversary of the last African American slaves being freed in Texas on June 19, 1865; and

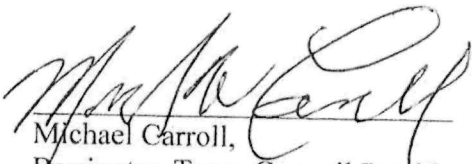
WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of celebrating Juneteenth National Independence Day, the Barrington Town Council has enacted an Ordinance making Juneteenth a Town holiday; and

WHEREAS, to date, the Rhode Island General Assembly has not yet enacted a law-making Juneteenth an official State holiday;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Barrington Town Council respectfully urges the Rhode Island General Assembly to adopt legislation making Juneteenth a State holiday.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the clerks of all cities and towns in Rhode Island, and on January 4, 2023 to Barrington's members of the RI General Assembly, The Speaker of the RI House of Representatives, President of the RI Senate, and the Governor of the State of RI.

Passed as a resolution of the Barrington Town Council this 3 day of OCT, 2022.


Michael Carroll,
Barrington Town Council President

ATTEST:


Meredith J. DeSisto, CMC
Barrington Town Clerk

